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State unemployment rate up. Tennessee's unemployment rate reached its highest point in a year this month as it rose to 7.1 percent: over a full percentage point increase over the previous month's 6.0 percent. Joblessness in the state increased from 120,900 during December 1979 to 139,200 for the current month. These figures are a little better than January 1979, however, when the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent as 143,500 workers were without jobs.

U. S. unemployment rate highest in two years. The nation's unemployment rate climbed to 6.8 percent during January; up from the previous month's 5.6 percent. This represented the highest level of nationwide unemployment since January 1978.

Southern workers see pay increases but lose ground to inflation. According to a recently released survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wages and salaries for private non-farm workers in the South rose 8.5 percent during 1979 while consumer prices rose 12.8 percent during the same period. Thus, the gap between wage increases and price rises widened in 1979 versus 1978. In the previous year, wages were up 9.3 percent while retail prices increased 9.8 percent in the region. The pay increases in the South during 1979 were just slightly less than those for the nation, which averaged 8.7 percent.

Benefit check, trust fund down. The average benefit check for January was $75.18: down $0.58 from the previous month. The trust fund, now standing at $258.5 million, declined by $11.1 million during the month.

Initial claims at record high. Initial claims for January reached 112,418; an historical high which more than doubled December's claims. The previous high number of initial claims occurred in January 1975 when 99,312 were filed.

Anyway you look at it, consumer prices going up, up, up. Depending on how you measure it, the rate of Consumer Price Index increase varies from 13.9 percent to 17.2 percent. Comparing January 1980 with January 1979, we see a 13.9 percent increase over the past year. An even more unsettling comparison, however, is the current month with the preceding month. This shows us that this most recent monthly increase, were it to hold steady over the year, would give us a 17.2 percent annual increase!

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STATEWIDE

EMPLOYMENT Tennessee's labor force dropped well under the two million mark during January as it settled a 1,962,000; a reduction of 31,600 workers over the month. The number of people employed experienced an even larger reduction as 48,200 fewer citizens were working than the previous month. Total nonagricultural employment in the state declined by 35,000 over the month with the nonmanufacturing sector absorbing most of the loss (30,800). The nonmanufacturing industry hit the hardest was trade (15,600) while construction (7,000) and services (5,000) also showed considerable losses. The manufacturing sector lost 4,200 workers with decreases being distributed pretty much over the whole sector but electrical machinery (2,100) and food products (1,100) were the industries experiencing the largest employment decreases.

OVER THE YEAR Compared with January 1979, Tennessee's employed has increased by 37,100. Nonagricultural employment has grown by 44,400 over the past year. The large majority of that increase (42,100), has come in the nonmanufacturing sector with a number of industries showing significant growth, e.g. services (17,300), construction (10,900), trade (5,600), and government (4,800).

UNEMPLOYMENT January's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent; up from the previous month's 6.2 percent. January saw 139,200 unemployed over the state; an increase of 16,600 over the December 1979 figure. A year earlier there had been 139,000 unemployed for a rate of 7.2 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings for Tennessee production workers decreased $2.45 (1.1 percent) as we entered the new decade. The durable goods sector decreased $8.34 (3.5 percent) while the nondurable goods sector increased by $2.11 (0.9 percent). The largest decline occurred in the stone, clay and glass products industry which decreased by $26.20 (9.3 percent). This was mainly due to a shorter scheduled workweek. The largest rise was in the rubber and plastic products industry which increased $10.47 (3.7 percent) as a result of a 19 cents an hour wage rate increase. Many factors caused the 4,000 production worker drop in the economy from December 1979 to January 1980. Among them were the continuing slow economy within the state and a traditional post Christmas slowdown combined with a new federal minimum wage rate law effective January 1, 1980.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	January 1980	December 1979	January 1979	Changes From: Dec. 1979 Net	Dec. 1979 %	Jan. 1979 Net	Jan. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	1,962.0	1,993.6	1,924.9	-31.6	-1.6	+37.1	+1.9
Employment 1/	1,822.8	1,871.0	1,785.9	-48.2	-2.6	+36.9	+2.1
Unemployment	139.2	122.6	139.0	+16.6	+13.5	+ 0.2	+0.1
Percent of Labor Force	7.1	6.2	7.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
U. S. Unemployment Rate	6.8	5.6	6.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All Manufacturing	$232.85	$235.30	$234.09	39.6	40.5	39.5	$5.88	$5.81	$5.42
Durable Goods	237.21	245.55	221.92	39.8	41.2	39.7	5.96	5.96	5.59
Lumber & Wood Products	171.61	170.50	152.93	37.8	38.6	37.3	4.54	4.44	4.10
Furniture & Fixtures	171.31	186.91	158.67	37.0	39.6	37.6	4.63	4.72	4.22
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	280.39	306.59	305.95	38.2	41.6	47.2	7.34	7.37	7.25
Primary Metal Products	324.41	344.84	322.27	40.2	41.9	43.2	8.07	8.23	7.46
Fabricated Metal Prod.	252.35	259.98	228.34	40.9	42.0	38.9	6.17	6.19	5.87
Machinery, Including Elect.	235.98	241.19	216.81	40.9	41.8	40.3	5.77	5.77	5.38
Instruments & Related Prod.	202.95	209.66	187.20	41.0	41.6	39.0	4.95	5.04	4.80
Nondurable Goods	227.94	225.83	206.58	39.3	39.9	39.2	5.80	5.66	5.27
Food & Kindred Products	241.80	240.37	217.17	40.1	41.3	39.2	6.03	5.82	5.54
Textile Mill Products	194.94	186.73	168.27	41.3	39.9	39.5	4.72	4.68	4.26
Apparel	156.52	158.00	143.28	36.4	37.8	36.0	4.30	4.18	3.98
Paper & Allied Products	294.77	306.74	272.41	41.4	42.8	42.3	7.12	7.12	6.44
Chemical & Allied Prod.	318.30	315.34	292.66	40.6	40.9	41.6	7.84	7.71	7.04
Rubber & Plastic Prod.	279.75	269.28	242.60	41.2	40.8	41.9	6.79	6.60	5.79
Leather & Leather Prod.	181.10	179.33	164.19	39.2	39.5	39.0	4.62	4.54	4.21

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	VETERAN Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979
New Applications	20,514	14,673	7,331	5,723	5,139	3,621	2,494	1,777
Testing	2,488	1,687	897	631	705	512	307	229
Enrolled in Training	516	343	416	269	194	92	48	42
Nonagricultural Placements	7,127	6,712	2,802	2,768	1,635	1,707	1,277	1,211
Counseling	2,973	2,604	1,822	1,691	952	860	515	400

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Net Change Dec. 1979 To Jan. 1980	Net Change Jan. 1979 To Jan. 1980
TOTAL	1,775.6	1,810.6	1,731.2	-35.0	+44.4
Manufacturing	525.2	529.4	522.9	- 4.2	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	236.4	238.5	237.6	- 2.1	- 1.2
Lumber	20.4	21.1	19.6	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Furniture & Fixtures	23.9	24.2	25.9	- 0.3	- 2.0
Stone, Clay and Glass	16.4	15.9	16.4	+ 0.5	.0
Primary Metal Industries	20.0	20.2	20.8	- 0.2	- 0.8
Fabricated Metal Prod.	33.5	33.7	33.5	- 0.2	.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	36.4	36.0	35.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Electrical Machinery	39.7	41.8	41.2	- 2.1	- 1.5
Transportation Equipment	27.1	27.3	26.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Precision Instr. & Ordnance	7.3	7.5	7.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.7	11.8	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	288.8	289.9	285.3	- 1.1	+ 3.5
Food Products	38.9	40.0	39.0	- 1.1	- 0.1
Meat Products	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Dairy Products	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	+ 0.2
Tobacco	1.9	1.8	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Textile Mills	26.6	26.7	28.1	- 0.1	- 1.5
Knitting Mills	12.0	12.1	12.9	- 0.1	- 0.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	- 0.3
Apparel	69.1	69.2	68.8	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Paper	18.0	17.8	17.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	27.7	27.5	26.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Chemicals	58.9	58.7	57.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Ind. Inorganic & Organic Chem.	23.1	23.2	22.6	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	.6	.6	.7	0	- 0.1
Rubber	26.4	26.5	24.0	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Leather	20.7	21.1	20.5	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,250.4	1,281.2	1,208.1	-30.8	+42.1
Mining	10.5	10.4	10.5	+ 0.1	0.0
Construction	85.9	92.9	75.0	- 7.0	+10.9
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	85.7	88.1	84.0	- 2.4	+ 1.7
Trade	383.9	399.5	378.3	-15.6	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade	109.3	112.5	108.1	- 3.2	+ 1.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	64.8	66.4	64.3	- 1.6	+ 0.5
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	44.5	46.1	43.8	- 1.6	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	274.6	287.0	270.2	-12.4	+ 4.4
Retail Gen. Merchandise	39.3	43.5	41.5	- 4.2	- 2.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	77.3	77.5	75.5	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Banking	26.0	25.8	25.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Insurance Carriers	20.1	20.0	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Services	287.7	292.7	270.4	- 5.0	+17.3
Government	319.4	320.1	314.6	- 0.7	+ 4.8
Federal	74.8	75.3	73.2	- 0.5	+ 1.6
State and Local	244.6	244.8	241.4	- 0.2	+ 3.2

CHATTANOOGA SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Chattanooga SMSA decreased by 700 between mid-December 1979 and January 1980. The drop in employment is mostly seasonal in nature from layoffs in food products, contract construction, service and finance, insurance and real estate industries. Only one industry registered a small gain between months, fabricated metal products, while the majority of the other industry employment remained the same. The present level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment stands at 175,800.

OVER THE YEAR Nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 600 or 0.3 percent. An employment gain of 2,700 in nonmanufacturing industries more than offset the loss of 2,100 in manufacturing and accounted for the overall net increase in employment. Government showed the greatest increase (2,200) over the year while fabricated metal products experienced the greatest loss (1,200). A year ago the level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 175,200 in the Chattanooga area.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment in the Chattanooga SMSA stood at 13,500 during January, giving the area an unemployment rate of 7.0 percent. The previous month saw 11,900 or 6.2 percent. unemployed while during January 1979 there were 11,500 or 6.2 percent unemployed.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Chattanooga production workers saw a slight increase in their average weekly earnings this month going from $239.62 to $241.92 while the average weekly hours rose from 41.6 to 42.0. Both durable and nondurable goods increased their average weekly earnings and average weekly hours. Paper and allied products decreased from $328.66 to $305.60 while the average weekly hours decreased from 50.1 to 47.9. Machinery, except electrical, increased from $286.88 to $329.00 and the average weekly hours increased from 42.5 to 46.6. An exception to this trend was knitting mills where the average weekly earnings increased from $152.83 to $159.42 while the average weekly hours decreased from 38.4 to 37.6, probably due to the increase in the minimum wage.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

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	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Changes From: Dec. 1979 Net	Dec. 1979 %	Jan. 1979 Net	Jan. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	193.7	191.9	186.4	+1.8	+ 0.9	+7.0	+ 3.7
Unemployment	13.5	11.9	11.5	+1.6	+13.4	+2.0	+17.4
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.2	6.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	180.2	180.0	175.2	+0.2	+ 0.1	+5.0	+ 2.9

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

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	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All Manufacturing	$241.92	$239.62	$219.49	42.0	41.6	40.2	$5.76	$5.76	$5.46
Durable Goods	271.36	266.86	245.03	42.4	41.7	40.5	6.40	6.40	6.05
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	264.54	273.47	233.29	39.9	38.9	39.7	6.68	7.03	5.38
Iron & Steel Foundries	274.38	281.94	279.40	43.9	44.4	44.0	6.25	6.35	6.35
Fabricated Metal Prod.	312.87	312.06	272.23	42.8	42.4	40.3	7.31	7.36	6.75
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	329.00	286.88	235.09	46.6	42.5	41.1	7.00	6.75	5.72
Nondurable Goods	218.61	217.04	197.60	41.8	41.5	40.0	5.23	5.23	4.94
Textile Mill Products	204.30	196.68	168.06	45.3	44.0	40.4	4.51	4.47	4.16
Knitting Mills	159.42	152.83	140.58	37.6	38.4	38.2	4.24	3.98	3.68
Paper & Allied Products	305.60	328.66	287.20	47.9	50.1	46.1	6.38	6.56	6.23
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	291.30	288.60	290.61	39.1	39.0	42.8	7.45	7.40	6.79

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

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	TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Dec. 1979	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Dec. 1979	VETERAN Jan. 1980	VETERAN Dec. 1979
New Applications	1,956	1,224	691	461	383	277	291	177
Testing	195	99	75	30	84	31	19	17
Enrolled in Training	59	23	51	16	42	10	3	1
Nonagricultural Placements	460	379	228	211	131	132	86	79
Counseling	210	158	149	116	111	72	29	19

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

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INDUSTRY	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Net Change Dec. 1979 to Jan. 1980	Net Change Jan. 1979 to Jan. 1980
TOTAL	175.8	176.5	175.2	- .7	+ .6
Manufacturing	53.8	54.1	55.9	- .3	-2.1
Durable Goods	23.9	23.8	25.2	+ .1	-1.3
Lumber (except furniture)	.9	.9	.8	0	+ .1
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Primary Metals	4.8	4.8	5.1	0	- .3
Fabricated Metal Prod.	7.3	7.2	8.5	+ .1	-1.2
Machinery (except elec.)	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ .2
All Other	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- .1
Nondurable Goods	29.9	30.3	30.7	- .4	- .8
Food Products	5.0	5.2	5.0	- .2	0
Textile Mill Products	13.3	13.4	13.9	- .1	- .6
Knitting Mills	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- .2
Apparel	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ .2
Paper Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ .1
Printing and Publishing	1.6	1.7	1.7	- .1	- .1
Chemicals	5.8	5.8	6.0	0	- .2
All Other	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- .2
Nonmanufacturing	122.0	122.4	119.3	- .4	+2.7
Mining	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Construction	6.8	7.0	6.7	- .2	+ .1
Trans., Comm., and Pub. Util.	7.2	7.2	6.6	0	+ .6
Trade	32.8	32.8	33.2	0	- .4
Wholesale Trade	8.7	8.7	8.5	0	+ .2
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ .1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ .1
Retail Trade	24.1	24.1	24.7	0	- .6
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	10.0	10.1	9.8	- .1	+ .2
Government	28.8	28.9	28.8	- .1	0
Federal	35.1	35.1	32.9	0	+2.2
State and Local	9.4	9.4	9.7	0	- .3
	25.7	25.7	23.2	0	+2.5

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

KNOXVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural employment dropped from 195,000 in December to 193,800 in January. The one month drop in employment reflected seasonal declines as post Christmas layoffs occurred in trade and government dropped as the University of Tennessee partially closed during the Christmas season. Manufacturing was down 500 as scattered losses of 100 each in lumber, nonelectrical machinery, all other durable goods, food products, textile mill products, and apparel were recorded. Construction was down 100 and services were off by 200 while trade was down 800 and government was down 500.

OVER THE YEAR Over the year, mixed trends prevailed as nonagricultural employment was off 1,100 or 0.6 percent. The manufacturing sector was down 1,600 as durable goods lost 300 and nondurable goods 1,300. A loss of 1,400 in apparel was tied to a slump in new car sales, while losses of 200 each in lumber and furniture and fixtures and 300 in textile mill products reflected a decline in demand. A drop of 300 in mining reflects the continuing labor-management dispute in that industry, while a loss of 300 in trade signifies a decline in consumer spending at the local level. Gains of 400 each occurred in all other nondurable goods and services over the year and government was up 800.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment estimates totaled 12,400 or 6.1 percent of the labor force of 203,400 in January compared with 10,100 or 4.8 percent of the labor force of 211,100 in December and 11,400 or 5.5 percent of the labor force of 207,300 in January 1979.

HOURS AND EARNINGS The average weekly earnings and average weekly hours for Knoxville production workers decreased during January with the former going from $275.26 to $272.96 while the latter went from 40.9 to 40.2. The average weekly earnings for durable goods decreased $6.50 to $301.25 which corresponded to the drop in average weekly hours from 41.7 to 40.6. In nondurable goods the average weekly hours dropped from 40.4 to 39.9 but the average weekly hours stayed the same. Among the published industries, only textile mill products showed an increase, with average weekly earnings going from $174.47 to $179.93 while the average weekly hours rose from 40.2 to 40.8. This may be due in part to the increase in the minimum wage. The largest decrease among the published industries was in stone, clay, and glass products where the average weekly earnings fell from $312.59 to $297.22 and the average weekly hours decreased from 45.7 to 43.2

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Changes From: Dec. 1979 Net	Dec. 1979 %	Jan. 1979 Net	Jan. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	203.4	211.1	207.3	- 7.7	- 3.6	- 3.9	- 1.9
Unemployment	12.4	10.1	11.4	+ 2.3	+22.8	+ 1.0	+ 8.8
Percent of Labor Force	6.1	4.8	5.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	191.0	201.0	195.9	-10.0	- 5.0	- 4.9	- 2.5

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All Manufacturing	$272.96	$275.26	$253.38	40.2	40.9	41.0	$6.79	$6.73	$6.18
Durable Goods	301.25	307.75	286.52	40.6	41.7	42.7	7.42	7.38	6.71
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	297.22	312.59	254.21	43.2	45.7	38.4	6.88	6.84	6.62
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	249.40	248.40	252.38	42.2	42.2	44.2	5.91	5.91	5.71
Nondurable Goods	236.36	236.36	235.20	39.9	40.4	40.0	6.43	6.35	5.88
Food & Kindred Products	220.09	223.96	213.38	45.1	45.8	45.4	4.88	4.89	4.70
Textile Mill Products	179.93	174.47	161.58	40.8	40.2	40.7	4.41	4.34	3.97
Apparel & Other Tex. Prod.	186.73	190.55	177.08	37.8	40.2	38.0	4.94	4.74	4.66

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Dec. 1979	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Dec. 1979	VETERAN Jan. 1980	VETERAN Dec. 1979
New Applications	1,731	1,621	550	657	227	203	284	193
Testing	332	237	180	128	97	59	56	30
Enrolled in Training	82	84	78	73	35	37	8	12
Nonagricultural Placements	877	942	176	151	168	143	181	189
Counseling	320	223	152	103	52	28	83	46

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	JANUARY 1980	DECEMBER 1979	JANUARY 1979	Net Change DECEMBER 1979	Net Change JANUARY 1979
TOTAL	193.8	195.9	194.9	-1.2	-1.1
Manufacturing	50.5	51.0	52.1	-0.5	-1.6
Durable Goods	15.5	15.8	15.8	-0.3	-0.3
Lumber (except furniture)	1.5	1.6	1.7	-0.1	-0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	.5	.5	.7	0	-0.2
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-0.1
Machinery (except elec.)	2.5	2.6	2.6	-0.1	+0.1
All Other	10.0	10.1	9.9	-0.1	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.0	37.2	36.3	-0.2	+0.7
Food Products	4.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1	0
Textile Mill Products	2.6	2.7	2.7	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel	7.6	7.7	9.0	-0.1	-1.4
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
All Other	20.5	20.4	20.1	+0.1	+0.4
Nonmanufacturing	141.3	142.9	140.8	-1.7	+0.5
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.6	0	-0.5
Construction	11.0	11.1	11.2	-0.1	-0.2
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	7.9	8.0	7.9	-0.1	0
Trade	40.8	41.6	41.1	-0.8	-0.3
Wholesale	10.5	10.7	10.7	-0.2	-0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.6	6.7	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.9	4.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1
Retail	30.3	30.9	30.4	-0.6	-0.1
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Service	30.0	30.2	29.2	-0.2	+0.8
Government	42.2	41.7	42.1	+0.5	+0.1
Federal	9.1	9.1	9.0	0	+0.1
State & Local	33.1	32.6	33.1	+0.5	0

Includes Anderson, Blount, Knox and Union Counties, Tennessee and all of Oak Ridge

MEMPHIS SMSA

EMPLOYMENT The area's labor force declined by 9,600 over the month while the number employed decreased by 10,200 during the same period. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Memphis SMSA was 357,300 in January 1980; a decrease of 3,500 from December 1979. Most of the decrease occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. A large part of the loss was due to the seasonal decrease in retail trade and a large decrease in government employment.

OVER THE YEAR Compared to January 1979, nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 5,100 higher in January 1980. A large increase in nonmanufacturing employment was partly offset by losses in the manufacturing sector. These losses were due mainly to the permanent closing of several food processing plants and a large number of workers on strike.

UNEMPLOYMENT In January 1980, an estimated 22,200 persons were unemployed; an increase of 600 over December. The unemployment rate increased from 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force in December to 5.9 percent in January. Compared to January 1979, the number of unemployed persons was 2,800 lower in January 1980. The unemployment rate in January 1979 was 6.7 percent of the civilian labor force.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Memphis production worker saw a $10.08 (3.8 percent) decrease in their average weekly earnings for January while the average weekly hours decreased only 0.3 hours to 39.8. Both durable and nondurable goods declined in average weekly earnings and average weekly hours. Durable goods showed the larger decline slipping from $245.50 to $230.69 and from 41.4 to 39.3 for the average weekly earnings and the average weekly hours respectively. The only published industry that showed an increase in hours and earnings was food and kindred products which increase from $272.45 to $276.62 in average weekly earnings and from 39.6 to 40.5 in average weekly hours. The largest published decrease was in furniture and fixtures which fell from $167.22 to $149.41 (10.7 percent) while the average weekly hours dropped from 40.1 to 36.8.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	January 1980	December 1979	January 1979	Changes From: December 1979 Net	December 1979 %	January 1979 Net	January 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	379.2	388.8	371.8	-9.6	-2.5	+5.4	+1.5
Unemployment	22.2	21.6	25.0	+0.6	+2.8	-2.8	-11.2
Percent of Labor Force	5.9	5.6	6.7	---	---	---	---
Total Employment	357.0	367.2	346.8	-10.2	-2.8	+8.2	+2.4

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All Manufacturing	$256.10	$268.18	$240.95	39.8	41.3	39.5	$6.49	$6.53	$6.10
Durable Goods	230.69	245.50	212.56	39.3	41.4	38.9	5.87	5.93	5.49
Lumber & Wood Products	180.19	181.94	171.18	38.1	38.4	38.0	4.71	4.74	4.51
Furniture & Fixtures	149.41	167.22	130.72	36.8	40.1	34.4	4.06	4.17	3.80
Nondurable Goods	284.12	289.68	265.46	40.5	40.8	40.3	7.05	7.10	6.62
Food & Kindred Prod.	276.62	272.45	241.30	40.5	39.6	38.0	6.83	6.88	6.35
Paper & Allied Prod.	300.04	312.04	265.85	41.5	43.1	40.9	7.23	7.24	6.50
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	308.32	324.57	301.09	41.0	41.5	43.7	7.52	7.58	6.89

MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR TURNOVER RATES (Per 100)

	Accession Rates TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	NEW HIRES Jan. 1980	NEW HIRES Dec. 1979	Separation Rates TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	QUITS Jan. 1980	QUITS Dec. 1979	LAYOFFS Jan. 1980	LAYOFFS Dec. 1979
All Manufacturing	2.8	1.7	1.6	1.0	2.8	4.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.6
Durable Goods	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.2	3.4	3.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4
Lumber	3.5	1.9	3.1	1.8	3.7	4.5	1.7	1.6	0.9	2.0
Furniture	3.6	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.1	3.3	1.4	2.1	*	0.5
Nonelectric Mach.	1.9	0.4	1.6	0.4	2.7	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	2.8	1.4	1.3	0.9	2.3	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	3.6
Food	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.6	4.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	2.3
Paper	6.6	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.5	16.0	0.7	0.4	*	15.2
Chemicals	1.6	0.4	1.3	0.3	2.3	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.9

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

Industry	January 1980	December 1979	January 1979	Net Change: December 1979	Net Change: January 1979
TOTAL	357.3	360.8	352.2	-3.5	+5.1
Manufacturing	59.7	59.9	62.4	-0.2	-2.7
Durable Goods	39.4	39.6	37.7	-0.2	+1.7
Lumber (except furniture)	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.2	-0.1	+0.1
Nonelectrical Machinery	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+0.1
Electrical Machinery	2.8	2.9	2.4	-0.1	+0.4
All Other	7.1	7.1	6.7	0	+0.4
Nondurable Goods	15.5	15.5	15.5	0	-2.2
Food Products	9.6	9.6	10.4	0	-0.8
Kindred Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	-0.2
Apparel	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	-0.1
Paper Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	-0.1	+0.0
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.7	5.5	+0.1	+0.3
Chemicals	3.9	3.8	3.8	+0.1	+0.1
All Other	6.4	6.5	6.4	-0.1	0
Nonmanufacturing	5.5	5.7	5.1	-0.2	+0.4
Mining	297.6	300.9	289.4	-3.3	-0.6
Construction	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	+0.1
Trans., Comm. and Pub. Util.	15.5	15.7	13.5	-0.2	+2.0
Trade	27.1	27.3	26.2	-0.2	+0.9
Wholesale	96.9	98.2	96.0	-1.3	+0.9
Wholesale Durable Goods	32.7	32.7	32.1	0	+0.6
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	20.2	20.2	20.0	0	+0.2
Retail	12.5	12.5	12.1	0	+0.4
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	64.2	65.3	63.9	-1.1	+0.3
Services	19.8	19.8	19.1	+0.2	+0.7
Government	71.0	71.8	68.1	-0.8	+2.9
Federal	67.1	68.1	66.4	-1.0	+0.7
State & Local	16.8	17.2	16.8	-0.4	0
	50.3	50.9	49.6	-0.6	+0.7

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties, Tennessee and Crittenden County, Arkansas

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Dec. 1979	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Dec. 1979	VETERAN Jan. 1980	VETERAN Dec. 1979
New Applications	3,879	1,723	2,351	1,458	2,496	1,246	442	160
Testing	710	156	184	56	371	103	84	33
Enrolled in Training	70	30	55	28	64	19	2	2
Nonagricultural Placements	957	436	382	287	568	344	221	112
Counseling	442	234	319	204	334	218	51	16

NASHVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nashville's labor force declined by 500 over the month while the number employed dropped 2,200. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment lost 1,500 workers with a gain in the manufacturing sector (1,300) partially offsetting the losses in the nonmanufacturing sector (2,800). The most substantial change among the manufacturing industries came in the all other durable goods category which saw an increase of 1,800. Trade (1,400) and construction (900) were the biggest losses in the nonmanufacturing sector.

OVER THE YEAR The Nashville SMSA has a 12,400 increase in estimated nonagricultural employment over the same month last year. This occurrs as manufacturing has 800 fewer employees while nonmanufacturing shows an increase of 13,200. Changes among manufacturing industries were negligible but nonmanufacturing showed five categories with gains of 1,000 or more. These include service (7,000), construction (3,100) government (1,700), finance, insurance and real estate, (1,200), and transportation, communication and public utilities (1,000).

UNEMPLOYMENT The Nashville SMSA unemployment rate rose to 5.2 percent driving January as 21,300 of a labor force of 408,300 more unemployed. The previous month the rate was 4.8 percent as 19,600 of 408,800 were unemployed. January 1980 saw 19,700 out of work of a labor force of 400,000 for a 4.8 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS The average weekly earnings for the Nashville production worker declined slightly from last month, decreasing from $242.99 to $238.85. Durable goods reflected the decrease with the average weekly earnings decreasing from $250.51 to $242.79 and the average weekly hours decreased from 39.7 to 38.6. Nondurable goods showed a decrease of 1.0 hours in the average weekly hours dropping to 39.2 while the average weekly earnings stayed the same. Among the published industries, printing and publishing showed an increase in both average weekly hours and average weekly earnings increasing from 38.1 to 39.1 for the former and from $248.41 to $256.89 for the latter.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Changes From: Dec. 1979 Net	Dec. 1979 %	Jan. 1979 Net	Jan. 1979 %
Civilian Labor Force	408.3	408.8	400.0	-0.5	-0.1	+8.3	+2.1
Unemployment	21.3	19.6	19.7	+1.7	+8.7	+1.6	+8.1
Percent of Labor Force	5.2	4.8	4.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	387.0	389.2	380.3	-2.2	-0.6	+6.7	+1.8

(1) Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All Manufacturing	$238.85	$242.99	$229.61	38.9	39.4	39.8	$6.14	$6.09	$5.77
Durable Goods	242.79	250.51	243.81	38.6	39.7	40.1	6.29	6.31	6.08
Nondurable Goods	234.02	234.77	215.47	39.2	40.2	39.7	5.97	5.84	5.44
Food & Kindred Prod.	268.80	265.19	231.60	38.1	39.4	38.2	7.05	6.73	6.23
Printing & Publishing	256.89	248.41	241.08	39.1	38.1	39.2	6.57	6.52	6.15

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Dec. 1979	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Dec. 1979	VETERAN Jan. 1980	VETERAN Dec. 1979
New Applications	3,171	2,742	1,200	860	1,119	744	509	355
Testing	800	708	45	34	35	28	18	18
Enrolled in Training	55	20	40	16	25	6	6	1
Nonagricultural Placements	1,269	1,252	381	429	311	410	269	289
Counseling	617	413	296	233	242	147	143	114

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Net Change: Dec. 1979 To Jan. 1980	Net Change: Jan. 1979 To Jan. 1980
TOTAL	367.1	368.6	354.7	-1.5	+12.4
Manufacturing	82.2	80.9	83.0	+1.3	- 0.8
Durable Goods	43.7	42.4	44.4	+1.3	- 0.7
Lumber (except furniture)	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	3.3	3.3	3.8	0	- 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	6.6	6.7	6.9	-0.1	- 0.3
Machinery	11.1	11.1	11.7	+0.2	- 0.6
Transportation	9.5	9.5	9.7	0	- 0.2
All Other	9.1	7.1	8.8	+1.8	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	40.5	40.7	40.6	-0.2	- 0.1
Food Products	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1
Textile Mill Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Apparel	5.4	5.5	5.3	+0.1	+ 0.1
Printing and Publishing	11.2	11.2	10.7	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Rubber	4.3	4.3	4.5	0	- 0.2
Leather	4.7	4.7	5.1	0	- 0.4
All Other	7.0	7.1	7.2	-0.1	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	284.9	287.7	271.7	-2.8	+13.2
Construction	10.8	11.7	11.7	-0.9	+ 3.1
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	22.1	22.1	21.1	0	+ 1.0
Trade	81.8	83.2	82.6	-1.4	- 0.8
Wholesale	24.0	23.9	24.0	+0.1	0
Wholesale Durable Goods	16.0	16.0	15.6	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	8.0	7.9	8.4	+0.1	- 0.4
Retail	57.8	59.3	58.6	-1.5	- 0.8
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	24.4	24.3	23.2	+0.1	+ 1.2
Service and Miscellaneous	71.9	72.4	64.9	-0.5	+ 7.0
Government	63.9	64.0	62.2	-0.1	+ 1.7
Federal	8.4	8.3	8.5	+0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	55.5	55.7	53.7	-0.2	+ 1.8

TRI-CITIES SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 3,700 during the period December 1979 to January 1980. Manufacturing decreased by 600. Durable goods decreased by 400 jobs and nondurable goods decreased by 200 jobs. Nonmanufacturing employment decreased by 3,100 jobs. The nonmanufacturing gain in services (200) was more than offset by losses in construction (1,100), trade (1,900), finance, insurance, and real estate (100), and all other nonmanufacturing (100).

OVER THE YEAR Compared with one year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 400 workers. Decreased employment in durable goods (600) and in nondurable goods (800) permitted manufacturing a total loss of 1,400. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,800. Nine industrial segments expanded employment and five reduced employment during the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment as of mid-January was 10,700 or 6.3 percent of a labor force of 170,200, compared with 9,000 or 5.1 percent of a labor force of 178,200 as of mid-December. One year ago unemployment was 10,600 or 6.2 percent of a labor force of 170,000.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

				Changes From	
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Dec.	Jan. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	170.2	178.2	170.0	-8.0	+0.2
Unemployment	10.7	9.0	10.6	+1.7	+0.1
Percent of Labor Force	6.3	5.1	6.2	+1.2	+0.1
Total Employment	159.5	169.2	159.4	-9.7	+0.1

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	TENNESSEE PORTION			VIRGINIA PORTION		
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
Civilian Labor Force	131.4	138.1	131.0	37.8	39.1	38.9
Unemployment	8.4	6.8	8.2	2.3	2.2	2.4
Percent of Labor Force	6.3	4.9	6.3	6.1	5.6	6.2
Total Employment	123.0	131.3	122.8	35.5	36.9	36.6

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Net Change Dec. 1979	Net Change Jan. 1979
TOTAL	170.1	173.8	171.7	- 3.7	- 1.6
Manufacturing	53.7	54.3	55.1	- .6	- 1.4
Durable Goods	29.0	29.4	29.6	- .4	- .6
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ .1
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- .1
Primary Metals & Fabricated Metal Products	9.1	9.4	9.8	- .3	- .7
All Other Durable Goods	13.1	13.2	13.0	- .1	+ .1
Nondurable Goods	24.6	24.9	25.5	- .2	- .9
Food Products	3.0	3.1	3.0	- .1	0
Textile Mill Products	2.8	2.9	3.1	- .1	- .3
Apparel	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ .1
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0
All Other Nondurable Goods	10.4	10.4	10.1	0	+ .3
Nonmanufacturing	81.4	81.5	78.6	- .1	+ 1.8
Construction	6.8	7.9	6.4	- 1.1	+ .4
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ .1
Trade	24.6	26.5	24.5	- 1.9	+ .1
Wholesale	5.9	6.0	5.5	- .1	+ .4
Retail	18.7	20.5	19.0	- 1.8	- .3
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	4.2	4.3	4.3	- .1	- .1
Services	16.7	16.5	15.9	+ .2	+ .8
Government	21.8	21.9	21.5	- .1	+ .3
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.3	.4	.3	- .1	0

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	TENNESSEE PORTION Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	VIRGINIA PORTION Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
TOTAL	131.9	138.9	131.7	38.2	38.9	38.0
Manufacturing	44.1	44.6	43.2	9.6	9.7	9.9
Durable Goods	23.5	23.9	23.3	5.5	5.5	5.4
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	4.2	4.2	4.1	.6	.6	.6
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.7	1.7	1.8	.3	.3	.3
Primary Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	7.9	8.1	7.5	2.3	2.3	2.1
All Other Durable Goods	9.7	9.9	9.9	2.3	2.3	2.4
Nondurable Goods	20.6	20.7	20.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
Food Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6
Textile Mill Products	2.6	2.7	2.9	.2	.2	.2
Apparel	2.6	2.7	2.6	1.8	1.7	1.7
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.9	.3	.3	.3
All Other Nondurable Goods	13.8	13.8	13.7	.4	.4	.5
Nonmanufacturing	61.9	64.3	64.5	16.6	17.2	16.1
Construction	5.6	6.6	5.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	4.9	4.9	4.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
Trade	17.7	19.6	17.7	6.7	7.1	6.8
Wholesale	4.1	4.2	3.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Retail	13.6	15.4	14.0	4.9	5.3	5.0
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	3.2	3.3	3.2	1.0	1.0	.9
Services	13.4	13.2	12.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
Government	16.8	16.8	16.8	5.0	5.1	4.9
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.3	.1	.1	.3	.3	.2

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Jan. 1980	TOTAL Dec. 1979	DISADVANTAGED Jan. 1980	DISADVANTAGED Dec. 1979	NON-WHITE Jan. 1980	NON-WHITE Dec. 1979	VETERAN Jan. 1980	VETERAN Dec. 1979
New Applications	1,191	1,047	448	428	46	35	251	184
Testing	274	67	73	21	16	16	16	15
Enrolled in Training	71	24	62	22	4	0	6	3
Nonagricultural Placements	341	301	252	273	26	32	126	99
Counseling	78	69	55	43	4	7	33	32

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS
U.S. CITY AVERAGE (1967=100) NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
JANUARY 1980

Group	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			REVISED URBAN WAGE EARNERS & CLERICAL WORKERS		
	Index January 1980	Percent Change to Jan. 1980 from Jan. 1979	Dec. 1979	Index January 1980	Percent Change to Jan. 1980 from Jan. 1979	Dec. 1979
ALL ITEMS	233.2	15.9	1.4	233.3	14.0	1.4
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	271.2	-	-	271.3	-	-
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	237.5	8.8	0.8	237.8	8.9	0.9
HOUSING 1/	247.3	16.0	1.5	247.3	16.2	1.5
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	171.0	6.4	-0.7	169.8	5.4	-0.9
TRANSPOPTATION	233.5	20.4	2.5	234.1	20.4	2.5
MEDICAL CARE	253.9	10.1	1.3	254.9	10.7	1.3
ENTERTAINMENT 1/	195.3	7.1	1.0	193.9	6.5	0.8
OTHER GOODS AND SER. 1/	206.3	8.3	1.1	206.0	8.3	1.5
SPECIAL GROUPS:						
COMMODITIES	222.4	13.6	1.4	222.3	13.5	1.3
SERVICES	253.1	14.5	1.5	253.6	14.8	1.6
PURCHASING POWER OF THE CONSUMER DOLLAR:						
1967=$1.00	$.429	-12.3	-1.4	$.429	-12.3	-1.4
1957-50=$1.00	$.369	-	-	$.369	-	-

1/ Index series has undergone a change in title and/or definition.

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